AT THE "HERMITAGE."

A VISIT TO THE RESTING-PLACE OF ANDREW JACKSON.

Buried in His Own Garden-"Uncle Al fred" Gives a Graphic Description of the General's Last Hours-Work of Vandals.

A ride of three hours from Nashville found us at the Hermitage. It was indeed an isolated spot that had given to the country one of its two-term chief magistrates. There is said to be a railway passing within four miles of the estate now, but in Jackson's day the only means of access were by horseback from Nashville and by boat up the Cumberland river to a point three or four miles from the Hermitage and even then there was no regular and by boat up the Cumberland river to a point three or four miles from the Hermitage; and even then there was no regular landing. There is a fence in front of the place, although it does not front upon any public highway. Looking down a dense avenue of aged cypresses I discovered the Jackson residence, a typical southern mansion, cumbrous in appearance, and characterized by southern dilapidation, but novertheless having a rather comfortable aspect. In front and behind were half a dozen huge columns, extending from the floor of a broad recessed plazza to where the roof crowned the second story. On the right as we looked down toward the house appeared a somewhat neglected garden, which revealed occasional glimpess of some stone and marble monuments at the further end. We were promptly discovered by Uncle Alfred, one of the mogroes on the estate, who by virtue of his advanced years and intimate relations to Gen. Jackson when the latter was alive, is now detailed to attend to the entertainment of such pligrims as may

latter was alive, is now detailed to attend to the entertainment of such pilgrims as may visit the Hermitaga. We were in need of additional cups and saucers, and, as Alfrei volunteered to furnish them from his cabin, I accompanied him to the old slave quarters. This opened the way for a conversation, which proved very interesting to me at least

"How old are you, Uncle Alfred?" I asked. "Eighty-three years, sah," was the response. "I was bawn on dis yere place in 1802, sah." "Did Jackson always live in this house

"Did Jackson always live in this house when at home?"

"He came to live yere in 1826—soon at de house was finished. Befor' dat he had lived in yondah cabin, whar yo' see dose two windahs and de outside chimney. Yo' know he was bawn down in one ob de Carolinys. Den he came an' lived in dat cabin down thar till 1826, when he moved into dis yere one, whar he finally died. He was away from home a great deal ob de time, and when he was yere alins had a house full ob company. His wife only lived two years after dey got into de new house. It was out ob dat old cabin dat Massa Jackson went when he started fo' Mexico in de war ob 1812."

The cabin pointed out was a miserable log structure, that looked as if it had been in the vortex of several cyclones in its day.

"Aren't there some Jackson relies that are exhibited to the curious public here!"

"Nothin' wuth seein' sah, now. De swords and pictuahs and sich is all at the expersishun in New Awleans yet. Dar's nuthin' but the furniture, an' I spec' it's scasely wuth while goin' in jess to see dat."

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Not blaming the occupant: of the house for wanting a little privacy. I did not press matters. The present occupants, by the way, are the wife of Gen. Jackson's adopted

on, and one of her sons.
"Did you find Gen. Jackson a kind mas-

"Nebbah was a kindah one, sab. Some peoples thinks kase he had a hot tempah dat he was a habd mastah. But dat's all a mistake. His slaves was well treated, an' if dey behaved well dey was almost made like membahs of de family. Massah Jackson was 'posed to slavery. Mo'n once I've boerd 'im say as he was ridin' up and down de cotton fiel's on boseback, 'Boys, you'se all gwine to be free some day. It won't be in my time—it won't be in my time. But some day you'se gwine to be free, shuah.'" ay you'se gwine to be free, shuah.'" "Were you present when Jackson died?"
"Oh, yes, sab; held his ahm, sah."
"Tell what you remember about that

"De gen'l died ob pieurisy. On'y sick three aw four days, but we knew it was his mo'tal sickness. He was prepared to die, sah. Allus was a church membah, an' had pra'rs in de family. Yo' know he built dat church yondah. Sware, sah! Well, he did get mad sometimes, an' say 'By de 'ternal God!' Dat was all—'By de 'ternal God!' Wall. knowin' dat he was goin' to die, he God!' Dat was all—'By de 'ternal God!'
Well, knowin' dat he was goin' to die, he called all de slaves in—ovah a hundred ob us, ash. De few white folks in de vicinity was also thar, an' was goin' to drive us out ob de room 'causs' it spiled de air fo' de gen'l. But Massa Jackson, he said. 'No, dey are all my people; let 'em stay an' see de last ob ma.' My uncle was Gen. Jackson's bodyguard, an' he sat straddlin' behin' de gen'l so's to make 'im set up easy. I taild de gen'l by one ahm. When de people all was a cryin' Massa Jackson said. 'Weep not fo' me, but weep fo' yo'selves; fo' Pm goin' home to rest.' Den a little latah he said to my uncle, 'Lay me down, George.' Den he said. 'Farewell to yo' all,' and died easy."
"You were at the funeral!"
"O yee. Dar was a military band an' lota

"O yes. Dar was a military band an' lota of military companies from Nashville down yers. De soljers all fired der guns into de grave, company after company. De guns were on'y loaded with papah wads, yo' know." "Was the body buried in the garden at

"Yes, sah. Gen. Jackson had fixed a grave up during his life. De body was lowered into a vault in de groun', with der glas of de coffin uncovered, so dat yo' could glas of de coffin uncovered, so dat yo' could see de face. De grave was guarded de fust few nights. One night de gen'l's 'dopted son saw three aw fo' men loiterin' round pretty near, an' got skeered. So soon ez it was mornin' he had gravel hauled from de ribbah an' piled five feet deep on de coffin. Den de hole was scaled up with a big stone sab, and another put two feet higher at de lebel of de tomb filor."

We strolled through the carelessly-kept garden, where thousands of roses, honey suckles, and magnolia blo-soms made the air heavy with perfume, and then into the little inclosure constituting the family cemetery. There were, perhaps, a degan graves with monuments here, but, of course, the central attraction was the double monument central attraction was the double monument reared over the remains of President Jack-son and his wife. This was a domed pavilion of porous limestons with a small obelisk in the center. This obelisk had no carved in-scription, but I noticed that it had not es-caped the ravages of the autograph fland. Uncle Alfred said the vanidals would get in their work when he wasn't looking. their work when he wasn't looking.

A Movable Hotel Mirror.

observed that, in the parlor of a hotel, a full-length mirror did not rest flat against the wall, but was set out about an inch as one side. Bits of wood behind that edge proved that the position of the glass was intentional, and I asked for an explanation.

"That was done in order to get more wear "That was done in order to get more wear out of the carpet," was the reply. "Nine-taen women in twenty can not resist the temptation of getting a full sized reflection of them elves; and that is especially true in a summer hotel, where the guests' rooms are not furnished with large mirror. As they walk through this parior, they are pretty sure to so agrange their route as to face their shadow, in the glazs at least a part of the way. That practice is enough in one season to wear a path in the carpet. So, at the beginning of each summer, we shift the mirror slightly, and by that devices lay out a new pathway across the carpet, which thereby can be made to last years longer.

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